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Principal's Message



Welcome Spring!

There is energy in the air as we head into March. Over the past few weeks, more and more students have been on campus due to athletic teams, activities, and increased in-person learning time, which I find refreshing. March also reminds us that it's the mid-point of the semester and continued hard work and dedication are required. As a faculty, we often talk about the "3rd quarter slump" and we see a decrease in assignment completion and submissions, plus a decrease in classroom engagement in discussions and projects.

This is a critical time for students to stay focused, and persist with their studies. If academic or social-emotional support is needed, I ask that you use this link to find the resources you are seeking. Your student can also speak with their counselor. Remember:

- Be responsible for deadlines and assignments
- Be ready to learn iPad charged
- Stay mentally and physically attentive during class

Spring Semester Calendar

The full calendar for our Spring Semester can be foundhere.

CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations Class of 2021 - Mark your calendar

The commencement ceremony for the Class of 2021 will be on Saturday, May 22, with a weather make-up date of Sunday, May 23. We want to recognize our graduates while adhering to safety guidelines, so abbreviated ceremonies will likely occur. Although we are still discussing options, we anticipate holding our ceremonies on Glenbard South's campus. Click here for more information about celebrating our seniors.

Glenbard South Celebrates Womens' History Month

Here is an interactive tool to learn about great women in history and their contributions to society. Click here to explore present and past. Thank you to faculty members: Elizabeth Anderson, Diane Mankowski, Ruben Rodriguez, Linette Chaloka, Jennifer Buedel, and Cyndi Morain.

Congratulations to our TCD A Team

GLENBARD SOUTH

KEVIN MENDEZ AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
JOHN PIANG AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
NICHOLAS TAYLOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
ANTONIO GALVAN CONSTRUCTION TRADES
MIA CIMAGLIA COSMETOLOGY
ISABELLA PULEO COSMETOLOGY
ANDREW JAMES LEDFORD CRIMINAL JUSTICE
BRENNA SHEEHAN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE
AARON WOLF MULTIMEDIA & TELEVISION PRODUCTION
ABBY MILLER NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM
KHYA MITCHELL NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM A
SHLEY WOLTMAN NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

Booster Plant Sale



Garden Curious or Garden Expert?

The Glenbard South Plant Sale is back and better than ever!
Winter may seem like it'll never end, but spring is just around the corner. Order your garden plants by Thursday, 2/25 to receive 11% off your order with code 11PERCENT.

All-new for 2021 (plus a discount code!)

- BEGINNER HERB GARDEN KIT with personalized instruction from a Master Gardener. Grow your own abundant and organic herbs!
- QUALITY STARTER SEED PACKETS for more control over your plantings.
- ONLINE SHOPPING with a special discount for early bird purchases (use code <u>11PERCENT</u> through 2/25).

Plant pick-up will take place on Saturday, May 1st at Glenbard South High School. 100% of the proceeds go to student scholarships and activities. Thank you for supporting our students!

SHOP NOW

Virtual College Fair



Glenbard District 87 will host our 2nd annual college fair, presented by the Equity and Inclusion Committee. The Virtual College Fair is open to all Glenbard District 87 students and will be held on Wednesday March 10th during all scheduled lunches. Students will be able to visit with college representatives from the top 20 colleges and universities attended by Glenbard District 87 students. Students will gain a wealth of knowledge by attending a 15-minute admissions presentation(s), with an opportunity to ask questions to admissions counselors directly. Links will be made available on the day of the event in Schoology. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to connect with admissions representatives.

NHS

Attention parents of Juniors & Seniors!

Junior Parents – If your son or daughter had a 4.3 cumulative GPA by the end of the first semester of their Junior year, they received instructions how to fill out the NHS Candidate Application in their gmail on February 3rd.

Senior Parents – If your son or daughter had a 4.3 cumulative GPA by the end of first semester of their Senior year - and they are not already members of NHS- they also received instructions how to fill out the NHS Candidate Application in their gmail on February 3rd.

We're doing this digitally for the first time this year. So please encourage them

to check their gmail if they are interested in applying. Students need to send the recommendation link to their selected teachers/coaches by this Thursday, February 25th. The remainder of the application materials are dueNO LATER than 3PM on Friday, March 12th. No late applications will be accepted.

Questions: Ruth Homan – NHS Sponsor

ruth homan@glenbard.org

FOOD DRIVE



PBIS

Congratulations to the following teachers for being nominated Raider staff member of the Week!

1. Emma Cecchin

2. Derrick Crenshaw

Congratulations to the following students for being nominated Raider students of the week!

- 1. Benjamin Murray-Patti
- 2. Skyler Kassel
- 3. Matthew Atlas
- 4. Sam Boyd

Congratulations to the following classes for winning our perfect attendance competition recently!

1. Ms. Harper's 4th period class

College and Career Exploration Virtual Events



COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

GLENBARD SOUTH COUNSELORS ARE HOSTING A SERIES
OF VIRTUAL EVENTS IN MARCH TO HELP STUDENTS WITH
THEIR COLLEGE AND CAREER SEARCH

March 1@ 1:30-2:30 - Career Exploration (10th - 11th grade)

March 2-5 - Career Speakers (open to all grades)

March 8-9 @ 1:30-2:30 - Matching Colleges with Career Interests in Naviance (10th-11th grade)

March 10 @ lunch periods - College Fair (open to all grades)

Check Schoology for more information and Zoom links.

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College and Career Exploration Events - March 1-10

Glenbard South has partnered with the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn to host a series of virtual college and career exploration events on March 1-10. These events are open to all students in grades 9-12. Sign up to hear from various local professionals about their careers in a 30-minute question and answer Zoom session in the afternoon. These Virtual Career Speakers begin on March 2, and the list of professions include:

Accountant/Fire Fighter
Architect
Business Owner of a Computer Consulting and Repair company
CEO of Glen Ellyn YMCA
Counselor/Therapist

Dentist/Travel Agent

Govt official, (Glen Ellyn Village Manager)

International Sales Director

Lawyer

Physical Therapist

Police Chief of Glen Ellyn

PR/Communications Director for District 41

Wastewater Engineer/Administrator for Glenbard Wastewater Authority

Look in your student's Schoology posts for the form to sign up to talk to as many professionals as they would like. Ms. Lange will facilitate all the events and will send students the Zoom link and a list of possible questions to ask the professionals. Contact Anne Lange at anne lange@glenbard.org with any questions.

RESOURCES

Dear Families,

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students who normally get free or reduced price school meals at school may be eligible for a program to help your family buy groceries. This program is called Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT).

For each day that K-12 schoolchildren lack access to an in-school lunch, P-EBT provides eligible families with \$6.82 in benefits per student, per day. These benefits are provided on a card that can be used like a debit card to purchase food at any grocery store that accepts LINK cards.

If your child is already enrolled in free or reduced price school meals AND your address is up-to-date:

Your child will get P-EBT automatically for qualifying days (days when the child lacked access to an in-school meal).

Each child will receive their own card with their name on it.

Cards will be mailed to you in March.

Cards will arrive in an unmarked envelope so please be on the lookout.

Families should hold onto their P-EBT card(s) because future benefits will be loaded onto the same card.

If you are new to your school district, your student is not enrolled in free or reduced price meals, OR you recently moved:

You must fill out a free or reduced-price school meal application with your school. Your child may be eligible for benefits retroactive to August, but you should complete an application as soon as possible.

Please visit your school website or call your school to submit a school meal application.

You can get your P-EBT card mailed to the school instead, but you must notify the school that you want to do this.

All students are eligible regardless of immigration status. P-EBT will <u>not</u> be considered under the public charge rule.

Students can still get free meals from school and community sites and get P-EBT, too:

Take home meals and P-EBT are separate programs.

To find free meal sites near you, text the word "food" or "comida" to: "877-877" You can also visit your school district website to find school meal locations in your area.

Don't forget: to receive P-EBT benefits, it is important that your address is up-to-date with your school.

For more information about P-EBT, please visitwww.chicagosfoodbank.org/pebt.

P-EBT Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to many commonly asked questions about P-EBT food benefits for Illinois residents:

What are P-EBT food benefits?

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides benefits to certain children who receive free or reduced price school lunches under the National School Lunch Act. P-EBT is a temporary food benefit program operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. P-EBT only provides benefits for days that students lack access to an in-school lunch. P-EBT provides \$6.82 per each school day that schoolchildren are engaged in remote learning.

Who is eligible for P-EBT benefits?

Your child and your school must meet certain criteria to be eligible for P-EBT:

Your Child:

Must be enrolled in free or reduced price school meals at a school operating the National School Lunch Program; OR,

Must be enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision-2 school, which offers breakfast and lunch free to all students; AND, Must have lacked access to an in-school lunch at least some days of the month

Your School:

Must operate the National School Lunch Program; AND,

Must have been closed or operating at reduced capacity at least 5 consecutive days at some point during the 2020-2021 School Year.

How are P-EBT benefits issued? Do I need to apply?

If your child is already enrolled in free or reduced price school meals AND your address is up-to-date:

Your family will get P-EBT automatically. Each child will receive their own card. Cards will be mailed to you in March.

Cards will arrive in an unmarked envelope so please be on the lookout.

Families should hold onto their P-EBT card(s) because future benefits will be loaded onto the same card.

If you are new to a school district, your child<u>did not</u> receive free or reduced price meals last school year, OR you recently moved:

You must fill out an application for free or reduced price school meals by contacting your school.

I don't have a home address. Can I still apply?

You can get your P-EBT card mailed to the school instead, but you must notify the school that you want to do this.

When will P-EBT benefits be issued?

Benefits will be issued for August 2020 through June 2021 for the days that

schools have been closed during the 2020-2021 school year.

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In April, families will receive a distribution for January 2021 through February 2021. Beginning in May, families will receive a monthly benefit for the remainder of the school year.

Benefit will be issued between the 11th to the 22nd of each month going by the first letter of the student's last name. Students' benefits will be issued on the same day on subsequent months so your family can plan your food budget.

I am worried about receiving P-EBT because of my immigration status. Will getting this benefit count in a public charge test?

No. It is important to know that P-EBT will not count in a public charge test. All students are eligible regardless of immigration status. Visit Protecting Immigrant Families for information about what public benefits impact the public charge test.

I have been receiving grab 'n go meals at my school. Can I still receive P-EBT?

Yes, children and teens can still get free meals from school and community sites AND get P-EBT, too – they are separate programs.

To find free meal sites near you, text the word "food" or "comida" to this phone number: "877-877"

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In the 2019-2020 school year I had to apply for P-EBT benefits. Do I need to fill out another application?

You do not need to apply for P-EBT, but you must make sure your child is enrolled in free or reduced price meals OR attends a CEP school where all meals are provided for free AND that your address is up-to-date with your school.

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Yes, you will receive a new P-EBT card with the student's name on the card. Each month, benefits will automatically be loaded onto that card for as long as P-EBT operates.

If I'm currently receiving LINK, can P-EBT benefits be loaded on to there?

No, you will receive a new EBT card with the student's name on the card specifically for P-EBT. Each month, benefits will automatically be loaded onto that card for as long as P-EBT operates.

My child is attending school in the classroom every day. Are they eligible for P-EBT?

P-EBT benefits are supposed to replace the meals that students receive in person at the school. A student who is in the classroom full time will receive meals at the school instead of receiving a P-EBT benefit.

My child is attending school in a hybrid model where they are in the classroom some days and learning remote some days. Are they eligible for P-EBT?

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I think my child is eligible for free or reduced price meals but we haven't enrolled. Can I still get P-EBT?

You can still get P-EBT but you must apply for free or reduced price meals with your child's school. If you apply now, you may be eligible for benefits retroactive to August but you should apply as soon as possible.

How do I know if my child is eligible for free or reduced price lunch? Look at the chart below for the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price school meals.

My child received free or reduced price school meals, but I did not receive a P-EBT card in the mail. Who do I contact?

Benefit cards will not be mailed until March.

If it is February or March, please be patient as the state starts this new program.

If it is the <u>end</u> of March, your child is enrolled in free or reduced price meals, and you have not received your P-EBT card, please call the Illinois Department of Human Services at 1-800-843-6154 or email DHS.FCS.PEBT@illinois.gov.

If you did not complete a school meal application or your address is out of date with your school, you should contact your child's school.

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If my child receives P-EBT, can I still get food pantry benefits?

Yes, your participation in government programs does not affect your ability to get food from the food pantry.

Where can I redeem P-EBT benefits?

P-EBT benefits are provided on a debit card that can be used like a debit card to purchase food at any grocery store that accepts LINK cards. Visit www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator to find a store near you

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HELPLINE IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU



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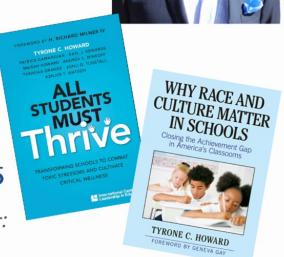
Dr. Tyrone Howard

All Students Must Thrive

Uplifting All Children to Cultivate Critical Wellness: *Race and Culture Matter*



Use this link to join the webinar: www.cod.edu/GPS



SUPERINDENDENT MESSAGE



Superintendent outlines student achievement highlights

With so much going on during the pandemic, it's important to pause and celebrate good things happening in our schools. The impressive metrics noted below are reflective of the strong instruction, programming and partnership of Glenbard District 87 and our six sender school districts. Let's look at a few key student achievement highlights:

SAT success

Our students' average SAT continues to outpace the state average SAT score by 49 points. Our SAT score growth of 16 points in the past year is also above the state and national averages.

College Board Equity and Excellence

Our recent College Board Equity and Excellence recognition notes 47% of seniors passing one or more Advanced Placement courses during their

four years at Glenbard. This is more than double the national and state averages, 20.1% and 21.5% respectively.

Postsecondary success

We have prepared students for postsecondary success by exposing them to college-level AP coursework, increasing the percentage of students exposed to an AP course from 58% to 72% in seven years.

Over the past 6 years, we have added more than 1,000 traditionally underrepresented students participating in at least one AP course during 11th and 12th grade.

We have a 73% AP passing rate of 3 or higher, which is higher than the state and national averages.

Graduation rate

We maintain a strong graduation rate of 98 percent.

College graduation

Glenbard students graduate college with a four-year degree at a rate 9% higher than the national average.

These key highlights happened because of our students' hard work; families' support of students; and the work of our exceptional faculty and staff. In partnership with you, we are empowering students to be successful in the future they choose.



